



CULTURAL KALEIDOSCOPE

**Palo Alto Art Center
Artists-in-the-Schools Partners Program**

“This program has enriched my students’ lives and education.”

—Diana Krippendorf, 1st grade, James Flood School, 2008-2009

CULTURAL KALEIDOSCOPE:

- Creates focused and dynamic visual arts experiences for students and teachers.
- Helps students from diverse backgrounds develop cultural appreciation and respect for the communities of others.
- Promotes creative expression and pride through the creation of an intensive art project.
- Enriches and integrates with existing classroom curriculum.

STRUCTURE: Cultural Kaleidoscope serves K–5 grade classrooms from the Palo Alto Unified and Ravenswood City School Districts. The program centers on project teams composed of two teachers (from two different districts) and one artist. Artists guide students in creating both individual and collaborative art projects. Artists meet with each class individually 8 times for 1.25 hours each time. In addition, the classes meet each other for visual art lessons three times: two collaboration days and one exhibition tour. Program instruction occurs November 2009 – March 2010.

PROGRAM MEETINGS

In program meetings prior to the start of classroom visits, classroom teachers collaborate with their artist and develop the art activities. Project teams also outline shared objectives, schedule artist visits, and develop strategies for collaboration among students. Project teams use the California State Visual and Performing Arts Standards as a guide to plan and evaluate program content.

CULTURAL KALEIDOSCOPE EXHIBITION AND TOURS – MAY 20-28, 2010

The program concludes with a three-week exhibition of work by Cultural Kaleidoscope students at the Palo Alto Art Center. Participating classrooms will tour the exhibit together and students will collaborate to complete a hands-on digital claymation activity.

FAMILY DAY DAY – MARCH 7, 2010

Community members and families of participating students have the opportunity to learn about Cultural Kaleidoscope projects through related hands-on art activities. Cultural Kaleidoscope Family Day is free and open to all members of the public.

Projects offered may vary each year. Photographs from the 2008-2009 Cultural Kaleidoscope program are by Sharon Fox.



Artist Tess Sinclair, James Flood and Baron Park collaboration



Native American weaving, Willow Oaks and Ohlone collaboration



African mask-making, Belle Haven

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Cultural Kaleidoscope

2009-2010 Schedule of Events

culture, collaboration and creativity in your classroom



James Flood and Ohlone collaboration



Batik, James Flood and Baron Park collaboration



Maasai necklaces, Belle Haven and Ohlone collaboration



Installation from the Cultural Kaleidoscope exhibition, June 2009

CULTURAL KALEIDOSCOPE 2009-2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September 11, 2009: Application deadline for classroom teachers

October 7, 2009, 4-6 pm: Artists Only Meeting

October 21, 2009, 4-6 pm: Project Teams Meeting

November 2009 – March 2010: Classroom instruction

January 6, 2010, 4-6:30 pm: Project Teams Meeting

March 7, 2010, 2-4 pm: Cultural Kaleidoscope Family Day

May 12, 2010, 5-8pm: Cultural Kaleidoscope Exhibition Reception

May 20-28, 2010: Cultural Kaleidoscope Art Exhibition Tours for project teams

May 26, 2010, 4-6 pm: Program Evaluation Meeting

COST: Cultural Kaleidoscope is a program of the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation provided to classrooms free of charge and is made possible by generous grants from the Hurlbut-Johnson Fund, Lockheed Martin, the National Endowment for the Arts, Washington Mutual Foundation, Westly Foundation, Wells Fargo Foundation, Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund, Arts Council Silicon Valley's Community Art Fund, Fenwick & West LLP, Morrison & Foerster Foundation, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati Foundation, the Palo Alto Art Center, City of Palo Alto, and private donations.



TO APPLY: Complete the enclosed application form and mail (address below) or fax it to Cultural Kaleidoscope by September 11, 2009 at 5:00 pm. The fax number is 650.326.6165.

CONTACT: Cultural Kaleidoscope Coordinator: **Kate Roné, 650.329.2106 or kate.rone@cityofpaloalto.org. Fax number: 650.326.6165.**

PALO ALTO ART CENTER FOUNDATION: The Palo Alto Art Center Foundation (PAACF) supports the mission and goals of the Palo Alto Art Center (PAAC), promotes unique art experiences and education for people of all ages, and serves as the PAAC's advocate in the community. Through its fundraising efforts, the PAACF helps the PAAC to produce and offer innovative exhibitions and educational opportunities for children and adults. For more information on the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation, www.paacf.org



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